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SUBJECT: RICE AND GRAIN EXPORTS

PASS USDA/FAS FOR GRAIN & FEED DIV FROM AGATTACHE

REF: (A) TOFAS 143 (B) TOFAS 139

1. AS PER REF A, PAR. 2, APPROXIMATELY 10,000 M.T.
OF 23,000 TONS OF RICE PURCHASED BY GRAIN BOARD TO BE
SHIPPED TO CHILE AND REMAINDER EXPECTED TO BE EXPORTED
TO CUBA.

2. GRAIN EXPORTERS NOT EXPECTED TO MAKE FORWARD
SALES UNTIL DECISION REACHED ON PROPOSED GRAIN LAW
AND NOT UNTIL EXPORT TAXES ARE REDUCED. THIS LAW COULD
BE MODIFIED TO ALLOW NATIONAL COMPANIES TO BUY GRAIN
LOCALLY FOR EXPORT AS PER REF B, PAR. 2. BUT, EXPORTERS
FEAR THAT HIGH SUPPORT PRICES MAY CAUSE GRAIN TO BE
DELIVERED TO GRAIN BOARD UNLESS EXPORT TAXES REDUCED
ENOUGH TO PERMIT A RISE IN PRICES THAT THEY (PRIVATE
EXPORTERS) CAN PAY PRODUCERS. MORE RUMORS OF A REDUCTION
IN EXPORT TAXES.

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3. OUTTURN FROM WHEAT HARVEST IN PROVINCES OF

EL CHACO AND UPPER SANTA FE NOT EXPECTED TO COVER
LOCAL PROVINCIAL NEEDS BUT IMPORTED WHEAT SHOULD AVERT SUPPLY
DIFFICULTIES UNTIL HARVESTING BEGINS IN
MAIN PRODUCTION ZONE. DUE TO REDUCED BARLEY HARVEST
THIS SEASON PRODUCERS MAY BE HOLDING STOCKS.
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